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SUBJECT: BRIEFING OF FOREIGN MINISTER ON WASHINGTON RECYCLING
NEGOTIATIONS

1. I CALLED ON FOREIGN MINISTER SUWAIDI JANUARY 26 TO GIVE HIM, AS HE HAD REQUESTED, BRIEFING ON RECENT NEGOTIATIONS IN WASHINGTON ON RECYCLING PROBLEM. MATERIAL WHICH DEPARTMENT HAS SENT US (INCLUDING EXCELLENT STATE 15432 WHICH ARRIVED SUBSEQUENTLY) HAS BEEN MOST HELPFUL AND SUWAIDI EXPRESSED APPRECIATION. HE QUERIED ME ABOUT US TRUST FUND IDEA AND I GAVE HIM OUR RATIONALE FOR IT, INFORMING HIM THAT PROPOSAL WAS APPARENTLY NOT DEAD BUT STILL UNDER STUDY, SUWAIDI WAS INTERESTED IN "HOW MUCH ALL OF THIS IS GOING TO COST US." I SAID I HAD NO FIGURES BUT ASSUMED ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARD EXPANDED OIL FACILITY WOULD BE APPORTIONED ALONG LINES OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO LAST YEAR'S PROGRAM. OECD SAFETY NET WOULD NOT COST UAE ANYTHING AND TRUST FUND WAS STILL BEING DISCUSSED.

2. SUWAIDI POINTED OUT LARGE SUMS THAT UAEG HAS COMMITTED TO BILATERAL FOREIGN ASSISTANCE. I SAID THESE WERE PRAISEWORTHY AND UNDOUBTEDLY HELPED EASE RECYCLING PROBLE. BUT BILATERAL ASSISTANCE WAS SPORADIC AND COULD BE CAPRICIOUS AND I THOUGHT ON WHOLE MULTILATERAL FACILITIES OFFERED BETTER MECHANISM. I HOPED UAEG WOULD NOT
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SKIMP ON ITS SUPPORT FOR MULTILATERAL PROGRAMS BECAUSE OF BILATERAL

DEALS. SUWAIDI DID NOT COMMENT DIRECTLY BUT SAID HE WAS FIRMLY OF
VIEW THAT HIS NATION COULD NOT BASE ITS PROSPERITY AND HAPPINESS
ON OTHER NATIONS' ECONOMIC WOES. WE COULD THEREFORE COUNT ON
UAE TO DO ITS PART IN ALLEVIATING THESE PROBLEMS.
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